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BORN TO THE MOST NOBLE OF ECHIDNA HOUSES, THE LATEST TO CONTINUE THE FAMILY HERITAGE AND RESPONSIBILITY AS GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, DEFENDER OF ALL FROM THE FORCES OF EVIL FROM THE WORLD BEYOND AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WOULD THREATEN WITHIN, HE IS NONE OTHER THAN KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

HERE IS ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW:

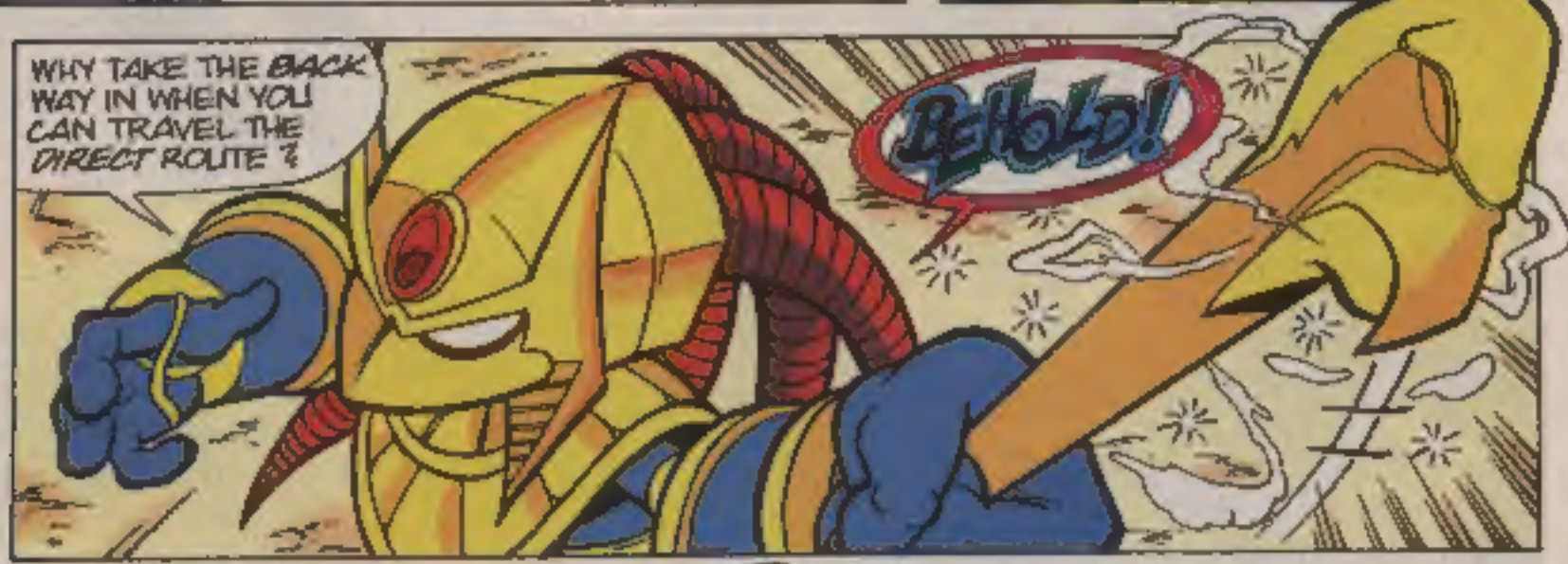
THE ECHIDNA KNOWN AS KNUCKLES DOES NOT EXIST - - AT LEAST IN ANY FORM ONE CAN RELATE TO. HE WAS LITERALLY TAKEN APART BIT BY MOLECULAR BIT COURTESY OF THE AWESOME POWER WIELDED BY HIS GREAT UNCLE SEVENTEEN GENERATIONS REMOVED... THE BEING KNOWN AS ENERJAK!

NOW THAT HIS GREATEST ENEMY IS COMPLETELY OUT OF THE WAY, IT'S TIME FOR FUN AND GAMES AS ENERJAK SEEKS NEW CHALLENGES AND HORIZENS TO CONQUER...

WHA--?!!
FAA-YHOOM!

GREAT DIMITRI!!!
LORD ENERJAK WILL DO, KRAGOK!
DIMITRI IS BUT A DISTANT MEMORY!

I TAKE IT MY SOLDIERS ARE READY TO EMBARK ON OUR HOLY CRUSADE!
THAT THEY ARE!
WE'LL BEGIN OUR JOURNEY ACROSS THE DESERT SANDS WHEN NIGHT FALLS!


WHY TAKE THE BACK WAY IN WHEN YOU CAN TRAVEL THE DIRECT ROUTE?
Behold!

BEFORE YOU IS THE GOLDEN ARCH THAT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE PROMISED LAND--
--NONE OTHER THAN THE CITY ECHIDNAS HAVE CHRISTENED--
--ECHIDNAOPOLIS!
LORD ENERJAK--
--WHAT OF KNUCKLES?

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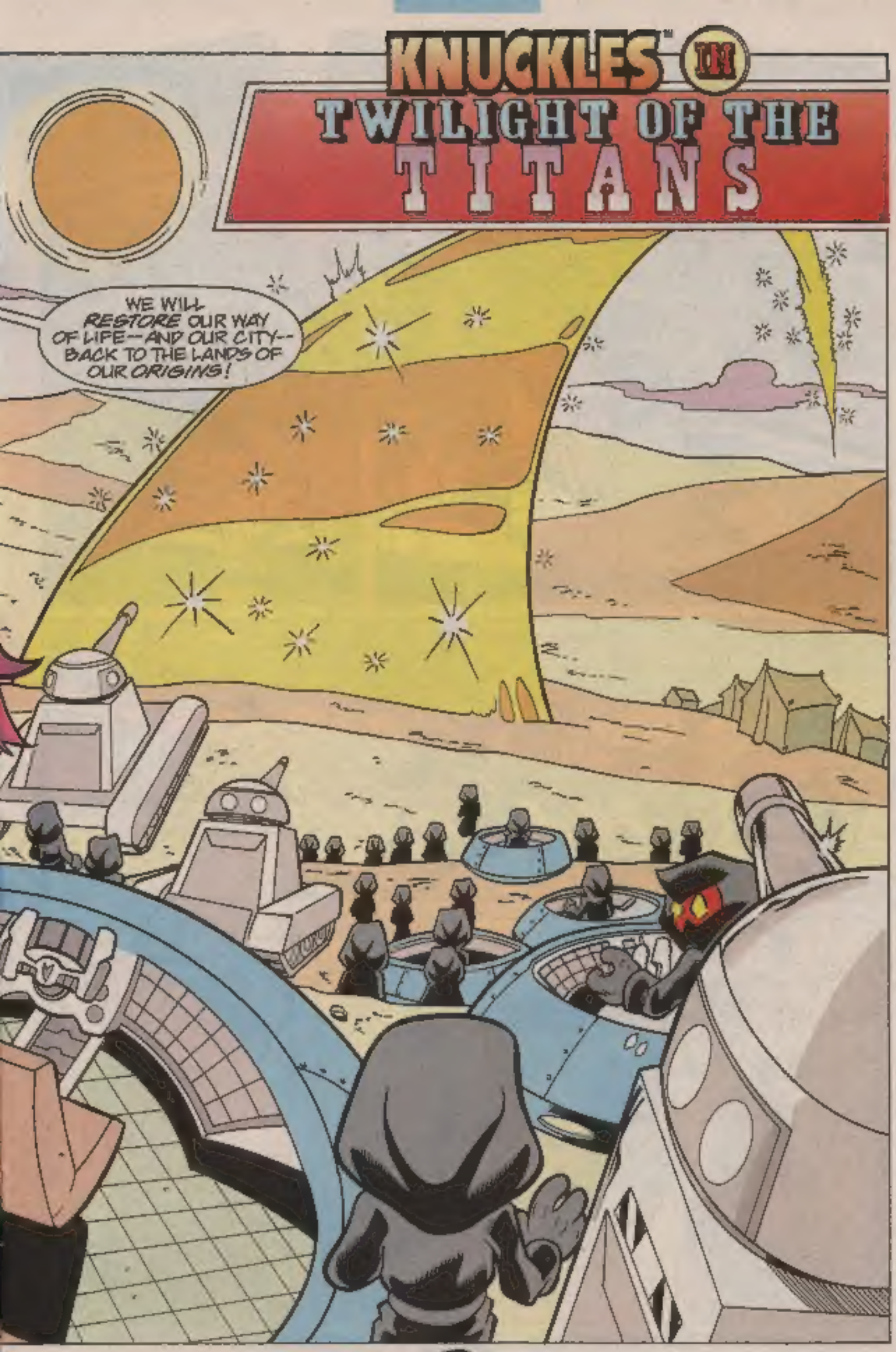

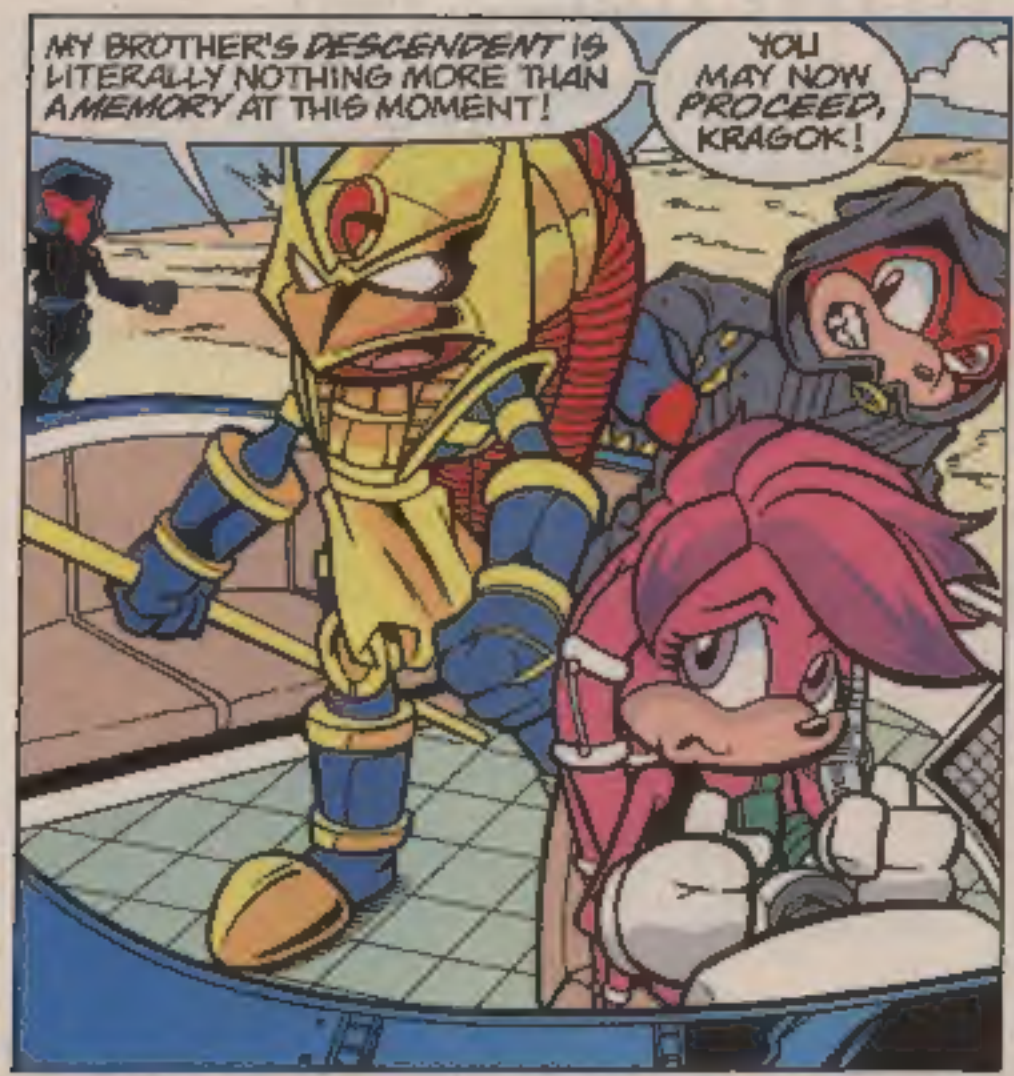
MY BROTHER'S DESCENDENT IS LITERALLY NOTHING MORE THAN A MEMORY AT THIS MOMENT!
YOU MAY NOW PROCEED, KRAGOK!

AS YOU WISH, LORD ENERJAK!
ATTENTION, PILOT!!! UPON MY MARK--
--ENGAGE!

"AYE, SIR!"
WELL, THERE THEY GO!
ABOUT TIME! THEY WERE CRAMPIN' OUR STYLE!

RIGHT NOW, VECTOR--
--THEY'RE THE-- LEAST OF OUR PROBLEMS--
--THE SUN-- MAKING ME WEAK--

--FEEL LIKE-- THROWING UP--
MIGHTY, THIS IS NOT THE TIME--

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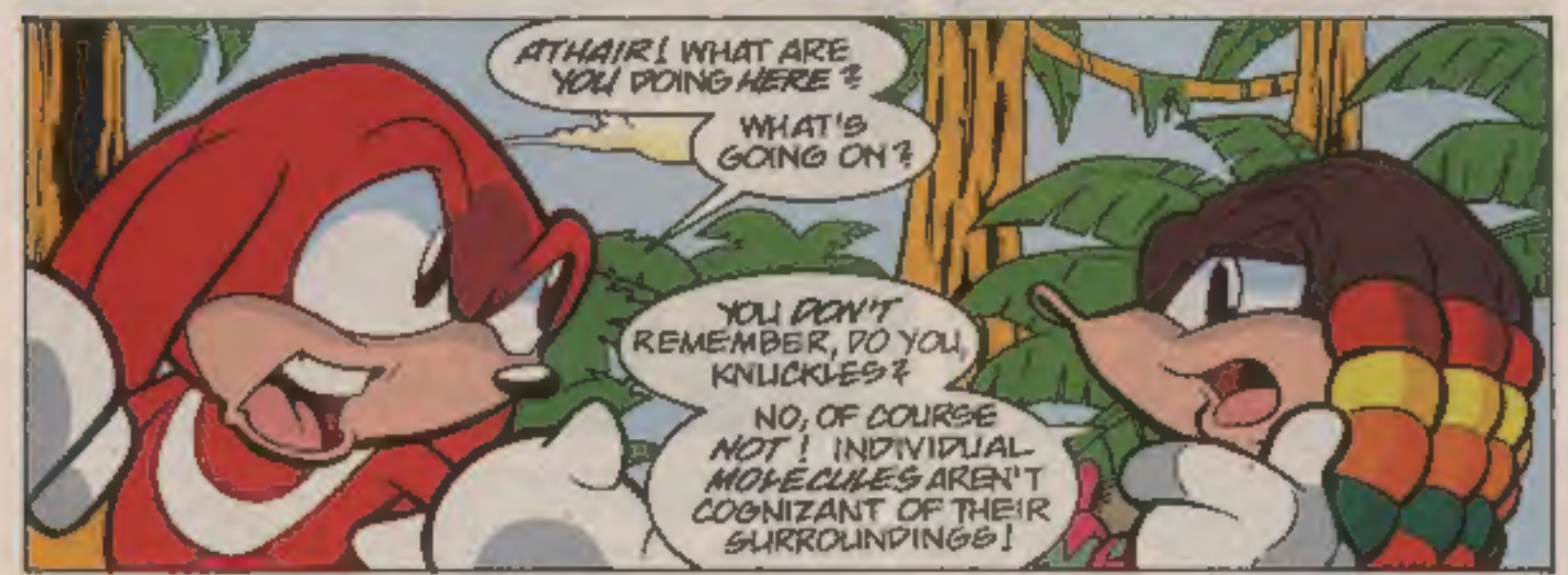
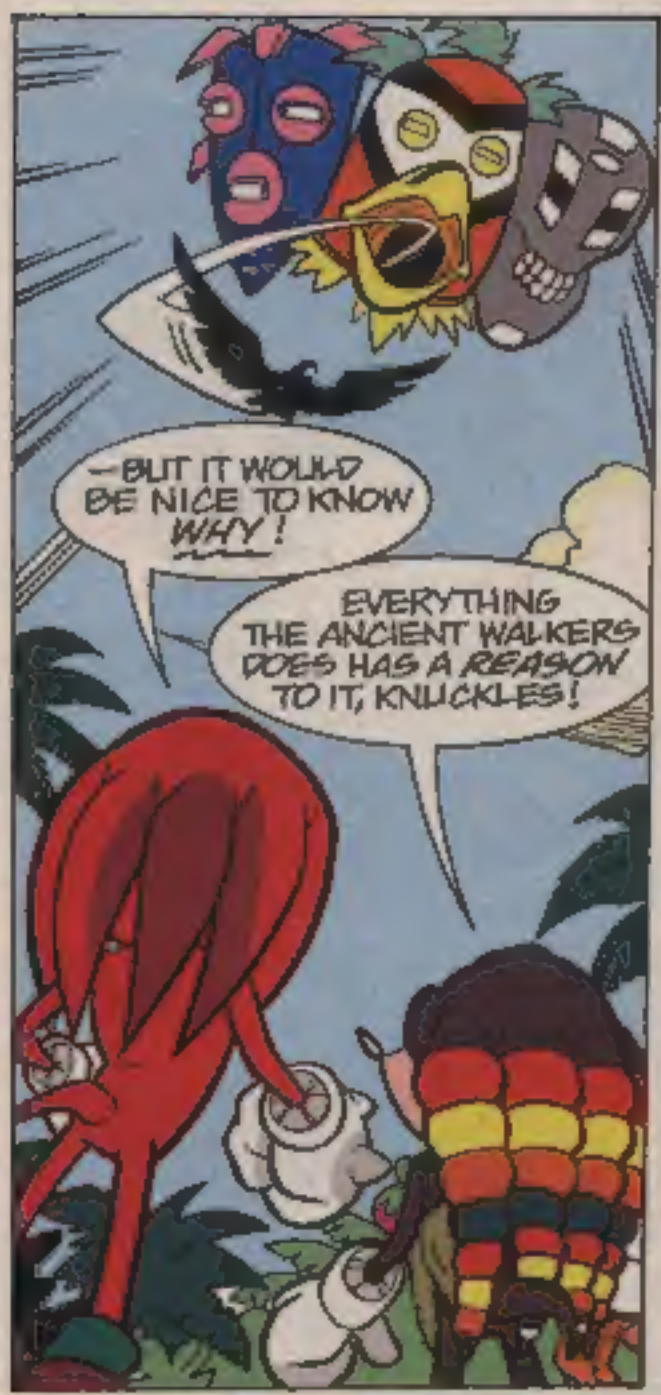
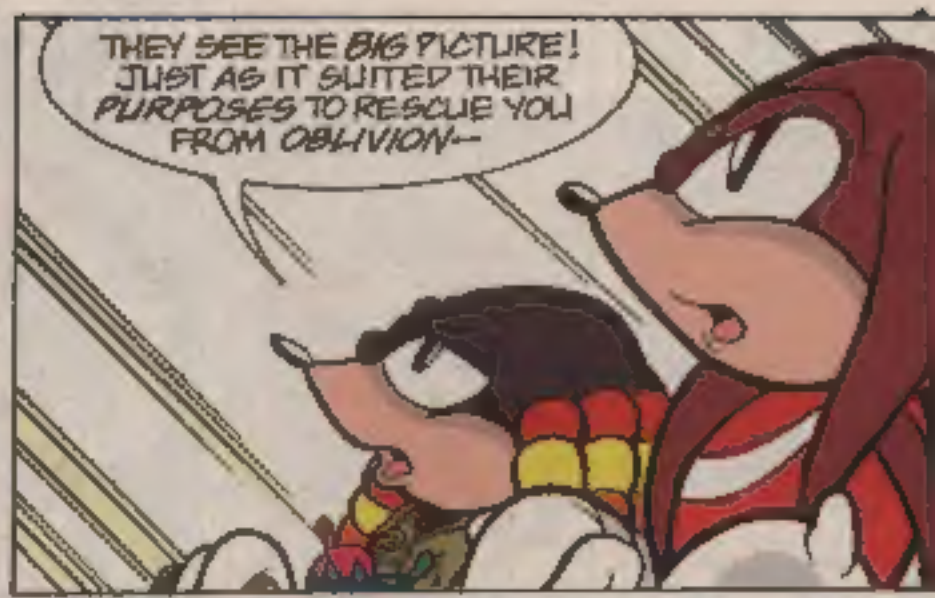
"--TO GO TO PIECES ON US!"

WHOA!
WH-WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?
PRAISE THE ANCIENT WALKERS!


ATHAIR! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER, DO YOU, KNUCKLES?
NO, OF COURSE NOT! INDIVIDUAL MOLECULES AREN'T COGNIZANT OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS!

THE LAST I RECALL, ENERJAK HAD ME IN CHECK, AND THEN HE--HE--
--HE LITERALLY TOOK YOU APART!
IF NOT FOR THE ANCIENT WALKERS, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE END OF YOU!
I DON'T WISH TO SOUND UNGRATEFUL, ATHAIR--


—BUT IT WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW WHY!
EVERYTHING THE ANCIENT WALKERS DOES HAS A REASON TO IT, KNUCKLES!


THEY SEE THE BIG PICTURE! JUST AS IT SUITED THEIR PURPOSES TO RESCUE YOU FROM OBLIVION—

"—IT NOW MATTERS THAT YOU BE SENT ALONG ON YOUR WAY—"

"— SO THAT YOU MIGHT BECOME, ONCE AGAIN, AN AGENT FOR RESTORING BALANCE!"
THIS LOOKS SICKENINGLY FAMILIAR!*
YO, BRO'! YOU CHILLIN'—
*KNUCKLES STILL HASN'T GOTTEN OVER HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE FROM HIS FIRST MINI-SERIES—JUSTIN.

THE CHAOTIX
WHAT THE—?!!
—OR GRILLIN'?!

" HOW ABOUT THAT? HE REMEMBERS US!"

SERGEANT, I WANT YOUR MEN STATIONED AROUND THE GOLDEN BRIDGE OUT OF SIGHT!

UNTIL WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHAT'S GOING ON, WE MUST ASSUME THE WORST!

YES, SIR!

AWRIGHT, SOLDIERS! YOU HEARD THE CONSTABLE!

MOVE!

BRRR! BRRR!

REMINGTON HERE!

OUR STATUS IS QUESTIONABLE! WE COULD USE MORE MEN--

WHA--?!! YOU WANT ME TO FIGHT?!

VERY WELL! REMINGTON OUT!

OF ALL THE HALF-BAKED IDEAS!!

ON THE OTHER HAND--

" I'VE HEARD CRAZIER PROPOSITIONS BEFORE!"

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE WHINING LATELY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN?!

DON'T TELL ME WE'RE GETTING AS SOFT AS THE ECHIDNAS!

MAYBE SOME OF US CAN BE CALLED SOFT, STRYKER— BUT NOT ALL!

IN ANY CASE, I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE!

INTERESTED?

LET'S JUST SAY— WE'LL LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY!

WE NEED EXPERIENCED MANPOWER TRAINED IN COMBAT TO SUPPLEMENT OUR FORCES!

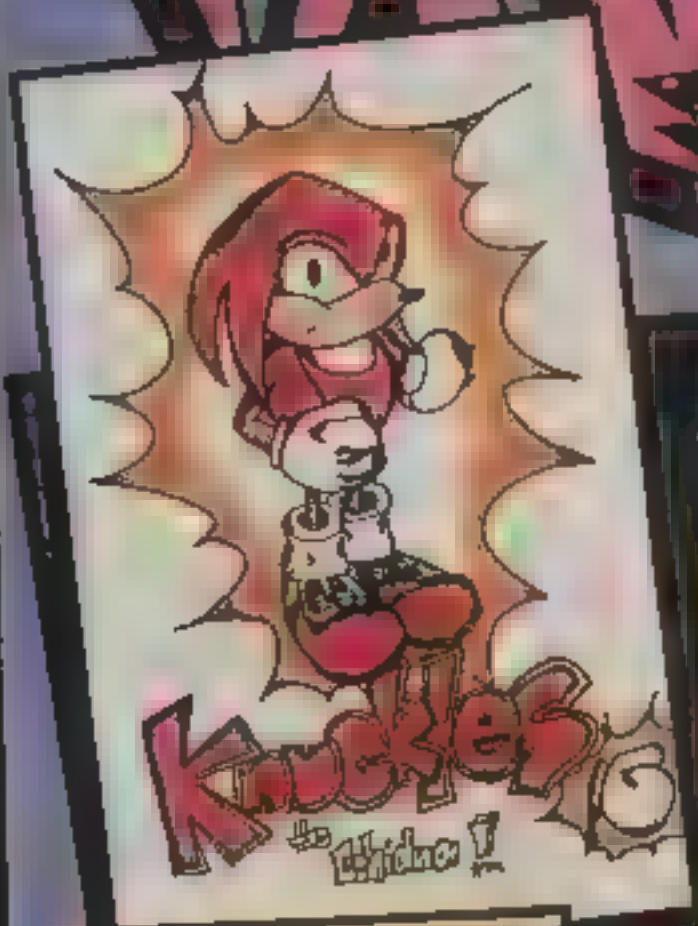
WE DON'T FULLY KNOW THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM, BUT IF IT'S WHO WE SUSPECT IT IS, EVEN WITH YOUR PEOPLE IT MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH!

AND IF WE DON'T HELP OUT?

QUITE POSSIBLY-

FAN ART

KNUCKLES



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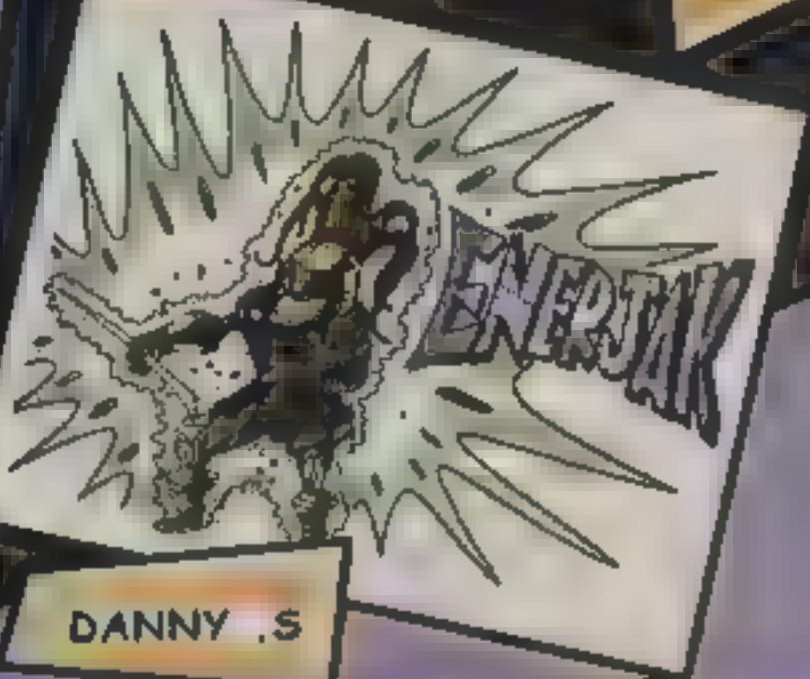

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"—YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE A LOT WORSE OFF THAN THEY ALREADY ARE!"

KCHINK!!

OOOH, MAAAN!

DOES THAT FEEL GOOD OR WHAT?!

AT LEAST SOME PEOPLE ARE EASY TO PLEASE AROUND HERE!

WHAT'RE YOU BUSTIN' MY CHOPS ABOUT NOW?

YOU MEAN ALL YOU HOMEBOYS DON'T ENJOY SHAKIN' AND BAKIN' OUT HERE?

Y'KNOW, KNUCKLES, SOME PEOPLE HAVE NO SENSE OF GRATITUDE!

HERE, VECTOR! MAYBE THIS'LL SHUT YOU UP!

MMMPHH!

RIIIIPP!

YOU WISH, MIGHTY-MAN!

GIVE ME SOME TIME I WOULD'VE SLIPPED OUT OF THOSE ROPES LIKE I DID BEFORE.*

AMAZING WE'RE STILL HERE TO TELL THE TALE AT ALL!

HEY WHAT'S THIS?!

* SEE LAST ISSUE JFG

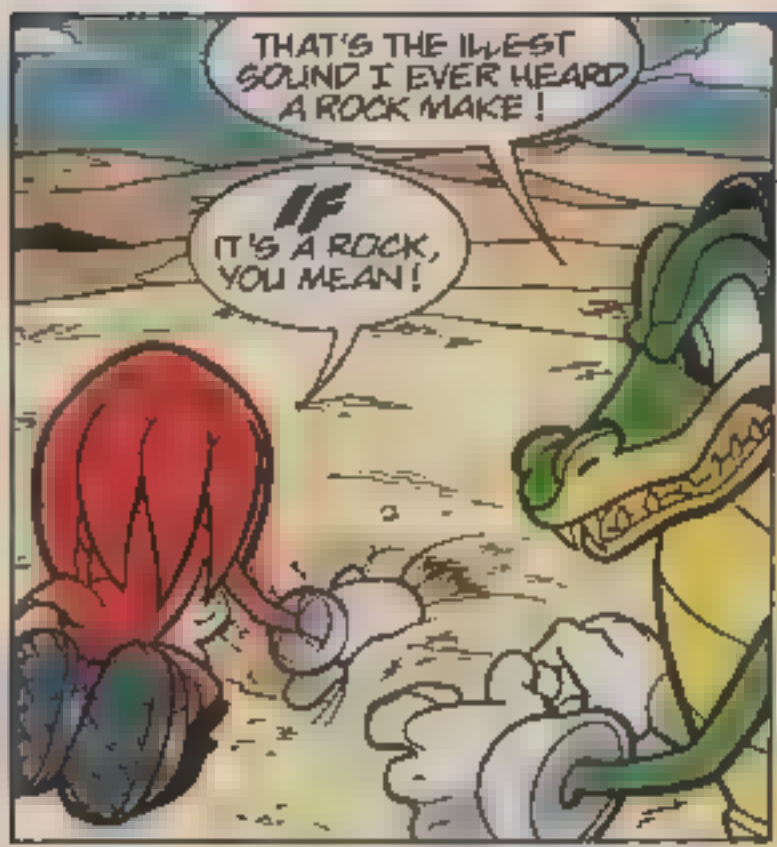
FIRST, A HAMMER AND SPIKE, AND NOW A CANTEEN!
FULL OF WATER, NO LESS!
SOMEONE'S HOOKING US UP!
LEMME CHECK THAT OUT!

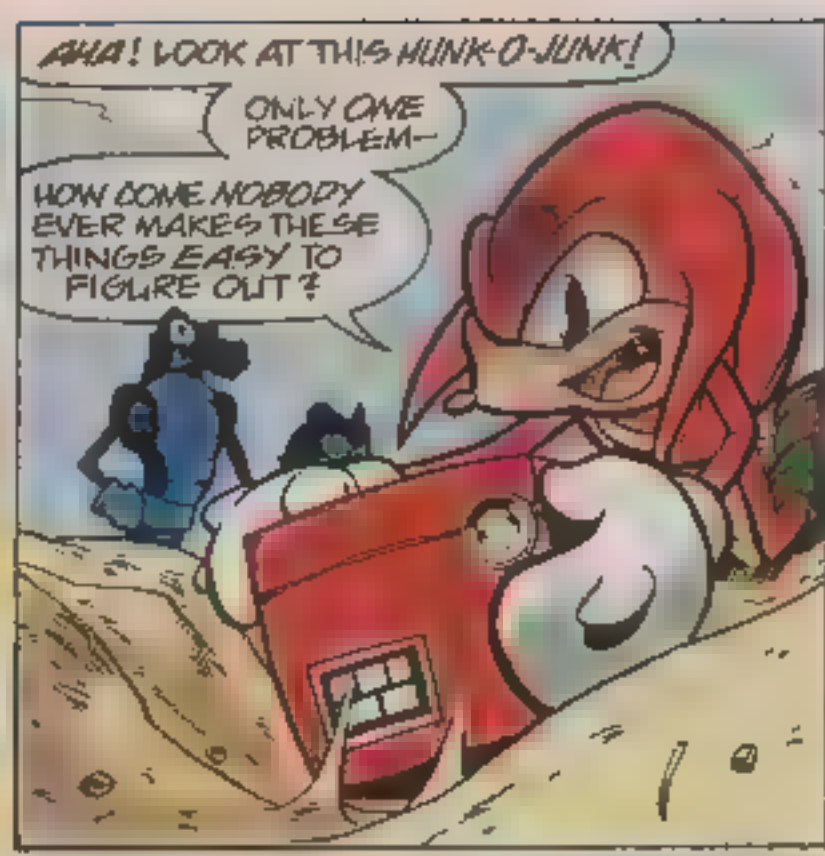
GLUB GLUB GLUB
YEP! NOTHING BUT HAITCH-TWO-ZERO!
YOU DON'T SAY!

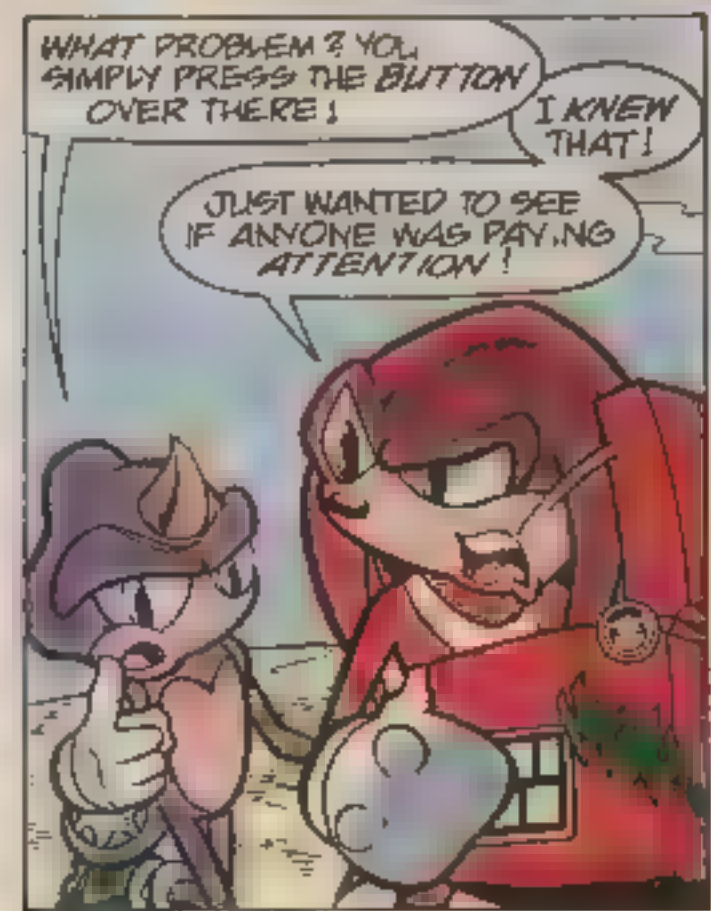
HUH?!
ARCHIMEDES!
WHERE? I DON'T SEE SQUIAT!

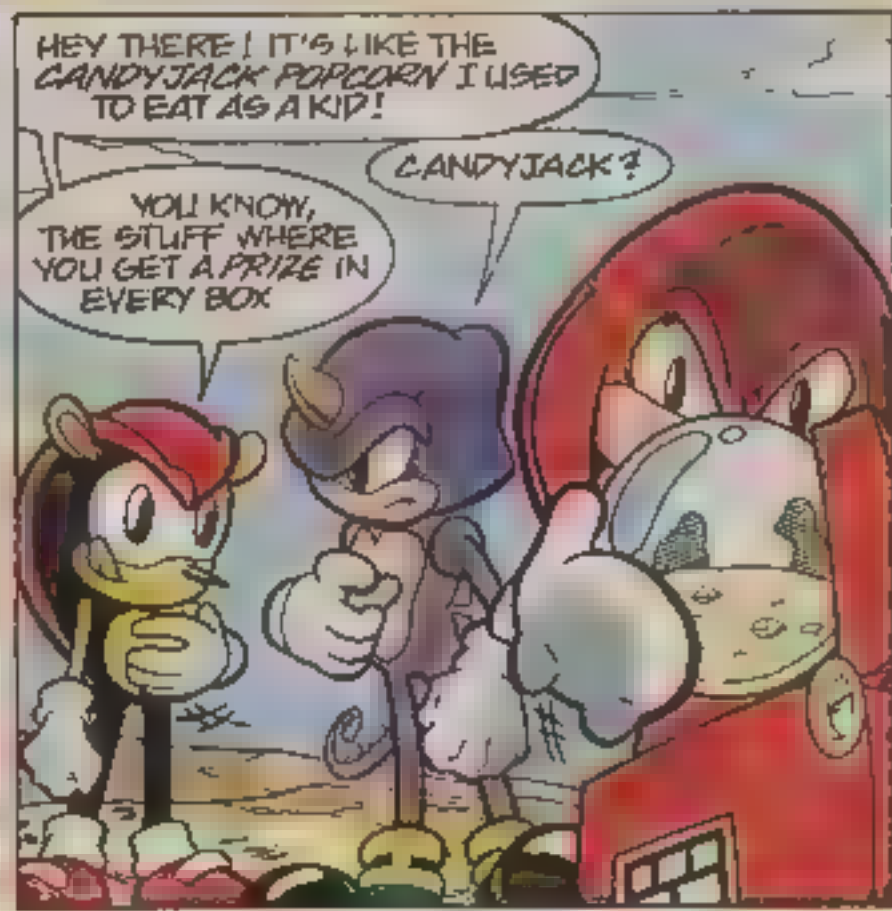
HE'S AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE! I KNOW IT!
ARE YOU SURE? WE DIDN'T SEE ANY SIGN OF HIM!

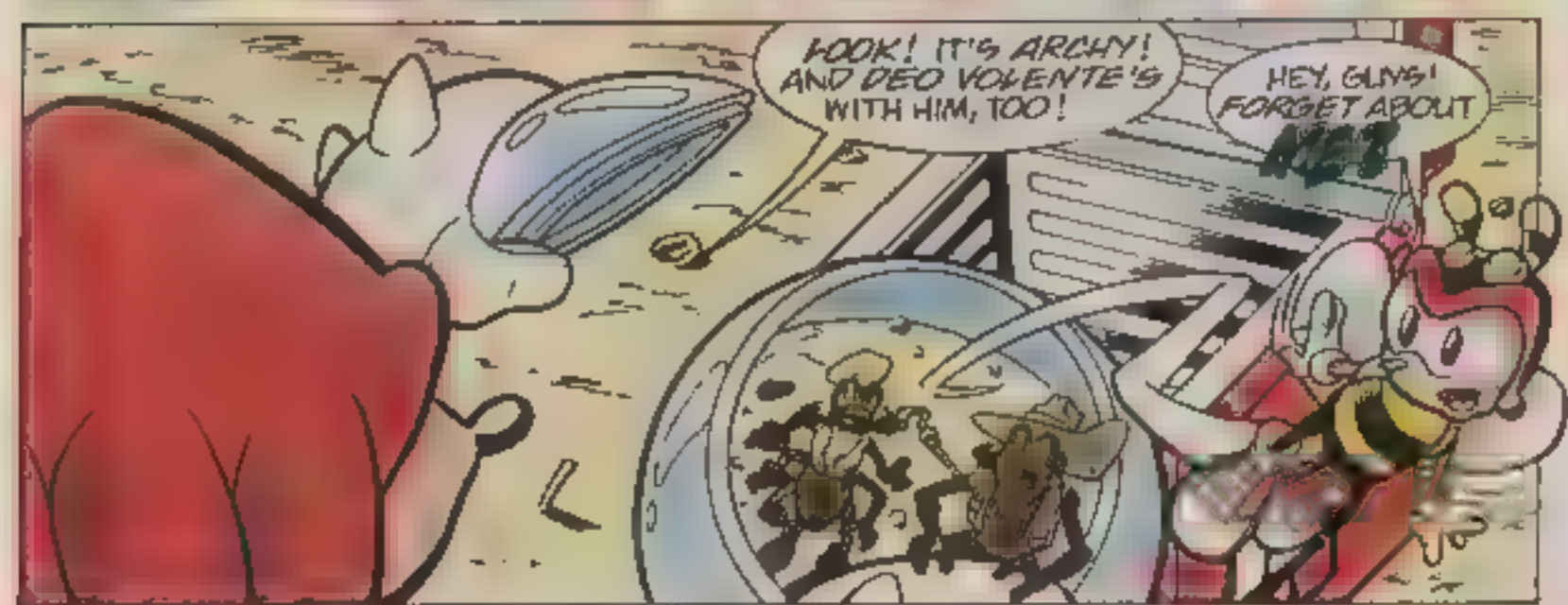
WHAT ABOUT CHARMY? HAVE YOU--
HELLO! WHAT HAVE WE HERE?


THAT'S THE ILLEST SOUND I EVER HEARD A ROCK MAKE!
IF IT'S A ROCK, YOU MEAN!


AHA! LOOK AT THIS HUNK-O-JUNK!
ONLY ONE PROBLEM—
HOW COME NOBODY EVER MAKES THESE THINGS EASY TO FIGURE OUT?


WHAT PROBLEM? YOU SIMPLY PRESS THE BUTTON OVER THERE!
I KNEW THAT!
JUST WANTED TO SEE IF ANYONE WAS PAYING ATTENTION!


HEY THERE! IT'S LIKE THE CANDYJACK POPCORN I USED TO EAT AS A KID!
CANDYJACK?
YOU KNOW, THE STUFF WHERE YOU GET A PRIZE IN EVERY BOX


LOOK! IT'S ARCHY! AND DEO VOLENTE'S WITH HIM, TOO!
HEY, GUYS! FORGET ABOUT

" NOT EVEN IF WE TRIED, CHARMY!"

HIT 'EM HARD! HIT 'EM FAST! HIT 'EM WITH ALL YOU GOT!

WE TAKE NO PRISONERS!

COMMANDER KRAGOK, THERE'S A BARRIER DEAD AHEAD!

WE DON'T STOP FOR ANYTHING, PILOT!

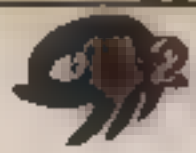
"FULL SPEED AHEAD! RAM 'EM!"

FIRST PLATOON--

COMMENCE ATTACK!

THEY'RE ON THE ROOFTOPS, AS WELL!

BREAK FORMATION!



THIS IS STRYKER! WE HAVE THEM SCATTERING LIKE CHICKENS IN A BARNYARD!

READ YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, STRYKER!

CAN YOU SEAL OFF THEIR ESCAPE ROUTE?

YEAH, PRETTY MUCH--

WHAT'S WITH MY LASER?!! NOTHING'S HAPPENING!

WHAT THE!?!

D'OH!

CITIZENS OF ECHIDNAOPOLIS--

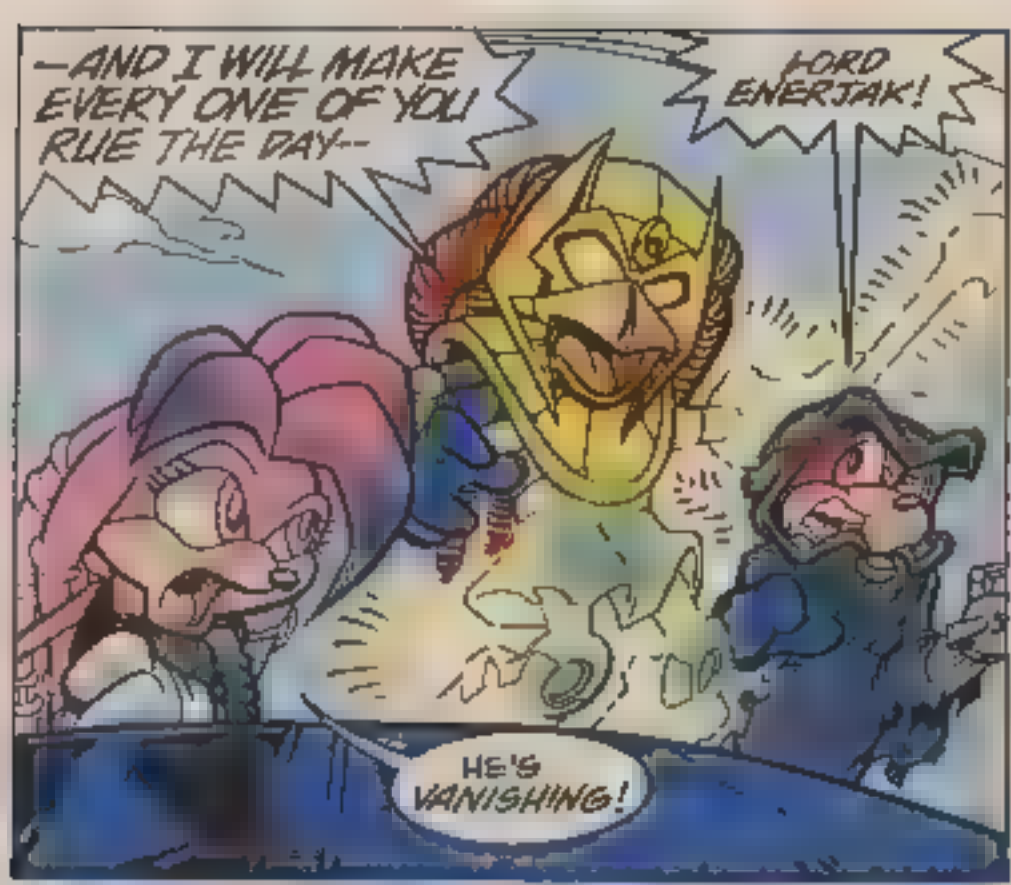
--LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS AND SURRENDER!

I--LORD ENERJAK--AM NOW IN CONTROL!

DELIVER YOURSELVES UNTO ME, AND I WILL BE MAGNANIMOUS* IN VICTORY!

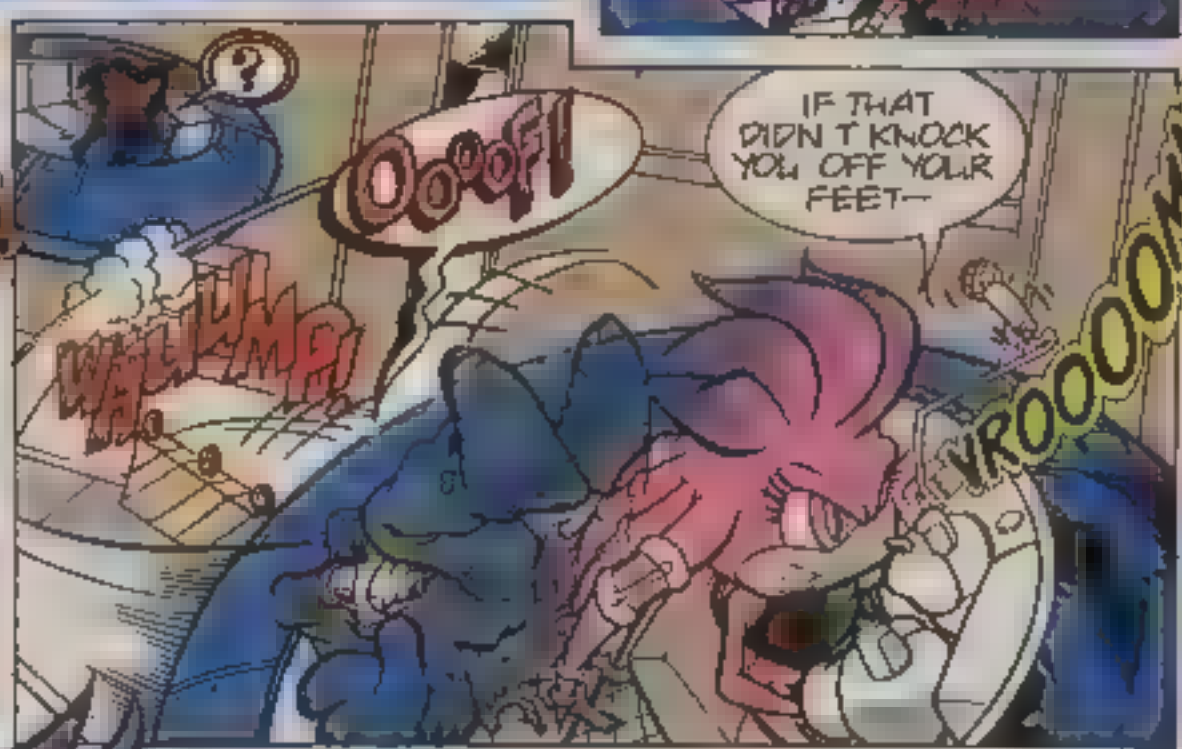
OPPOSE ME--

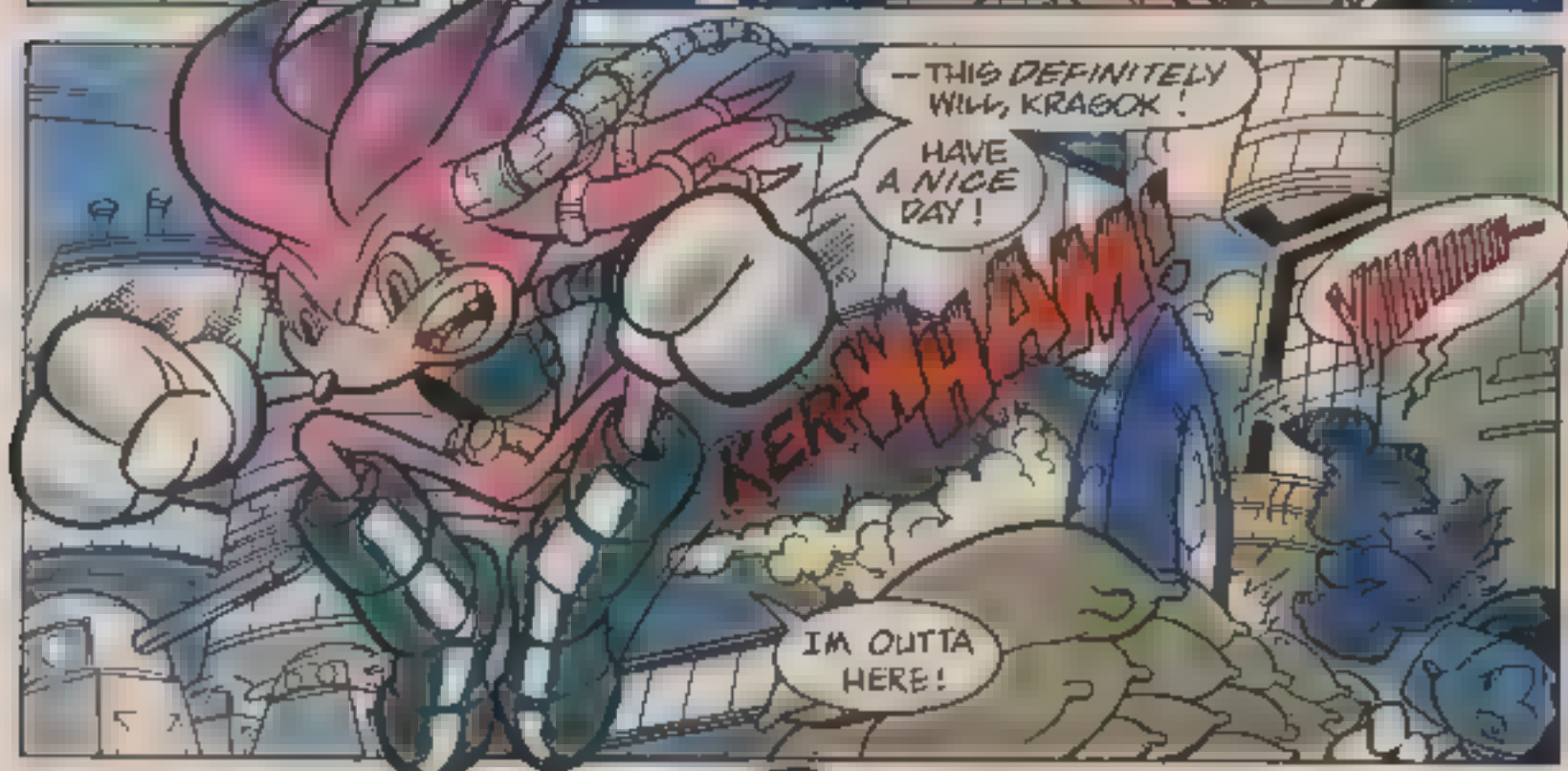
* WHICH MEANS "GENEROUS IN FORGIVING" FOR YOU YOUNGER READERS. JFG


—AND I WILL MAKE EVERY ONE OF YOU RUE THE DAY--
LORD ENERJAK!
HE'S VANISHING!

IMPOSSIBLE!
IT MUST BE SOME GUARDIAN TRICKERY!
THIS CALLS FOR SWIFT RETALIATION!

ATTENTION, DARK LE--
STOMP!


?
OOOOF!
WHUMP!
IF THAT DIDN'T KNOCK YOU OFF YOUR FEET--
VROOOOMM!


—THIS DEFINITELY WILL, KRAGOK!
HAVE A NICE DAY!
KERWHAM!
VWWOOOOO—
I'M OUTTA HERE!

OOOH!
LIKE THAT LAST STEP WAS SOOO "TRIPENDICULAR!"
THE BIG CONCERN, THO'--

"--IS FINDING OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO ENERJAK!"
--THE DAY THAT YOU WERE BORN!
EH?

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IF I NEED A LACKEY, I HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH!
I AM NO ONE'S LACKEY, ENERJAK! I AM MAMMOTH MOGUL!

WHO? BEGONE, PRESUMPTUOUS WRETCH!
SWIIIISH!

THAT SHOULD SERVE AS A LESSON TO THOSE WHO WOULD THWART MY WILL!

IF THERE ARE ANY LESSONS TO BE LEARNED--

--IT'S ONE YOU SO OBVIOUSLY FORGOT!

AS I BEGIN TO ABSORB THE INCALCULABLE POWER YOU POSSESS--

--THROUGH THE POWER OF THE SWORD OF ACORNS, WHICH ACTS AS A SUPER CONDUCTOR, ALLOWING YOUR ENERGY TO FLOW TO ME--*

* YES, FANS! HE HAD THIS PLANNED SINCE HE STOLE THE SWORD IN SONIC VS. KNUCKLES BATTLE ROYAL #1-- JFG.

--CONSIDER THIS--

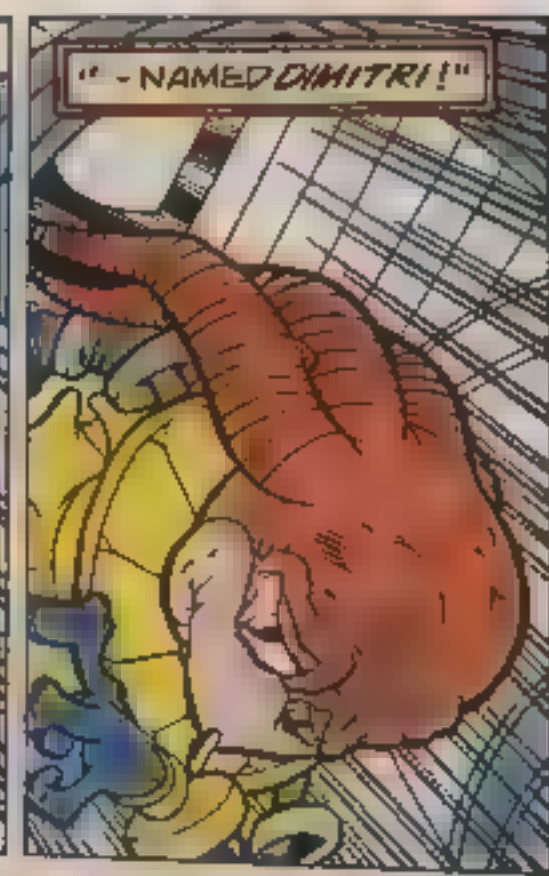
--THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS SMARTER, STRONGER AND EVEN MORE RUTHLESS THAN YOU.

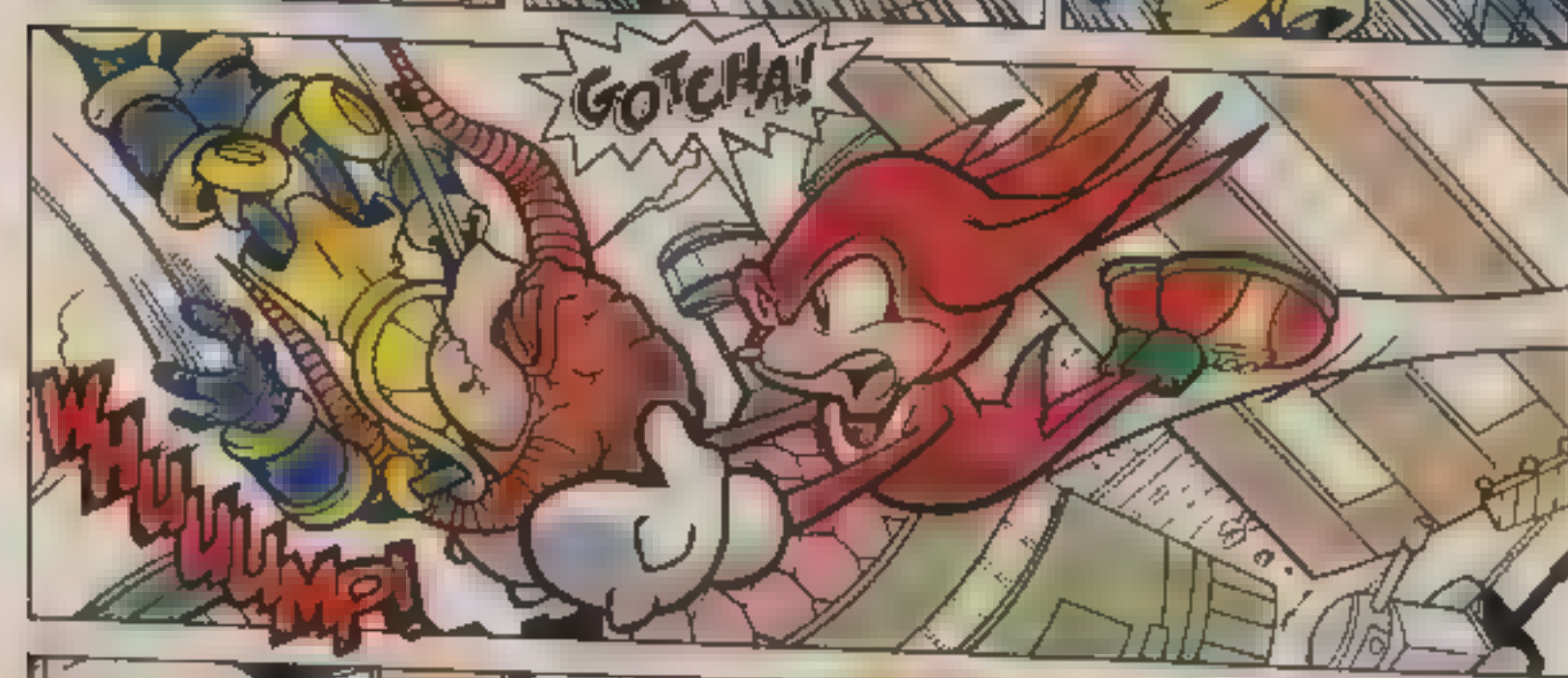
DUE TO MY SUPERIOR PATIENCE AND PLANNING, NOW I-- I-- AM THE POWER!

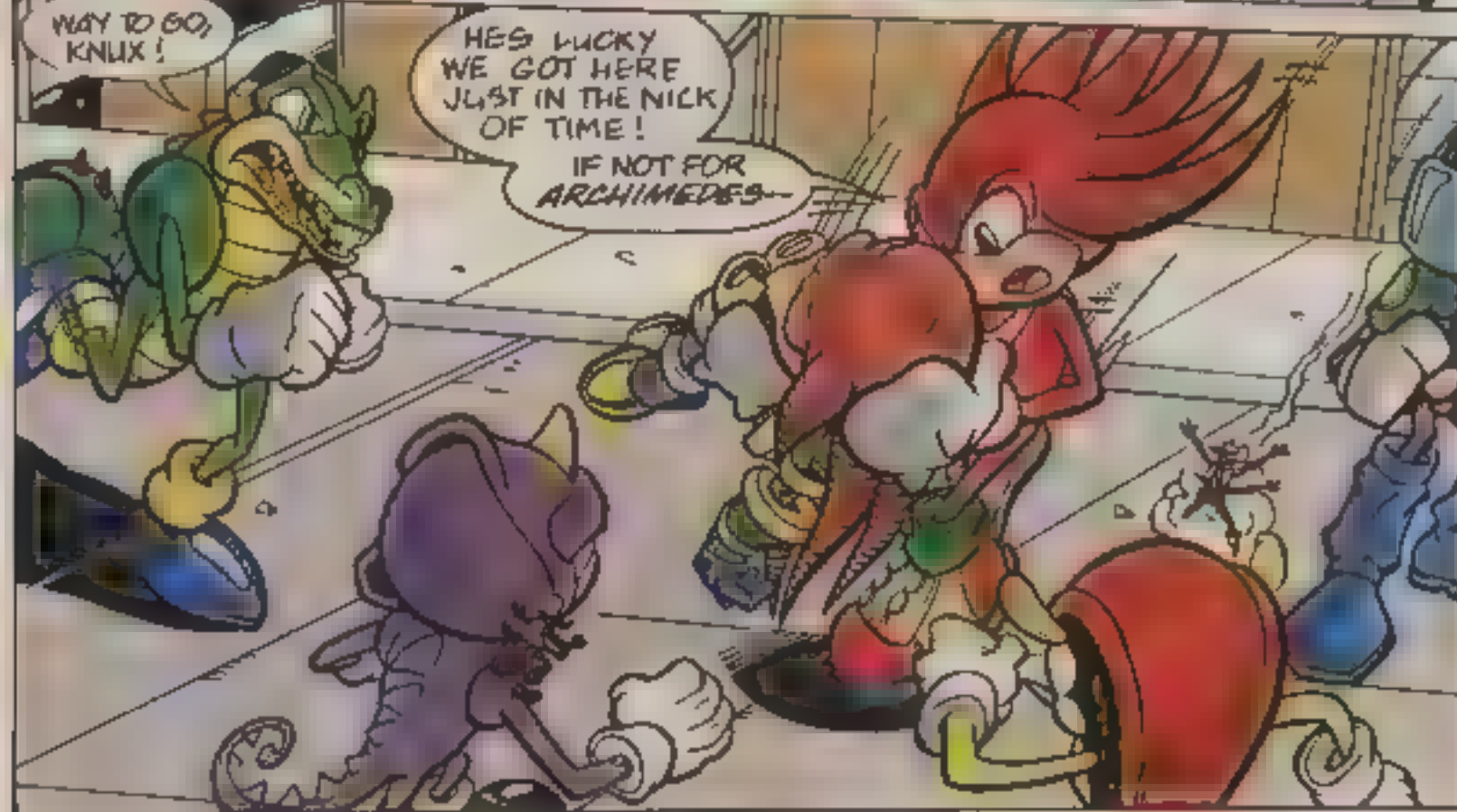
YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND--

"--ARE NOTHING MORE--"

" --THAN JUST ANOTHER ECHIDNA--"


" - NAMED DIMITRI!"


GOTCHA!
WHUUUUMP!


WAY TO GO, KNUX!
HE'S LUCKY WE GOT HERE JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME!
IF NOT FOR ARCHIMEDES--

-DIMITR HERE WOULD BE MAKING FAST FRIENDS WITH THE *SIDEWALK*!

WE'LL BE MAKING FAST *FRIENDS* WITH THE *DARK LEGION* IF WE DON'T ACT *P.D.Q.*!*

*P.D.Q., OR PRETTY DARN QUICK, IS THE ACRONYM CHALLENGED IT'S!

WHILE I ENJOY MAKING *FRIENDS*-

KBAM

-I'M ALSO *SELECTIVE* AS TO WHO!

THE SAME *CAN'T* BE SAID ABOUT THE *DARK LEGION*!

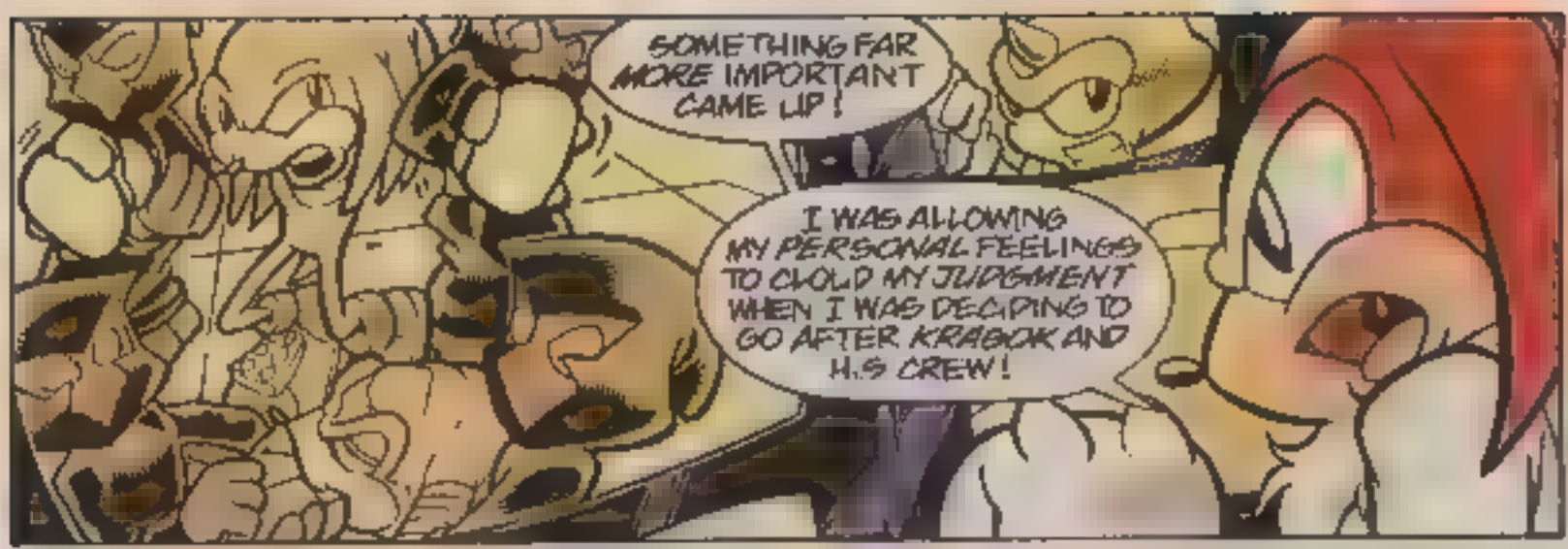
WHERE DO THEY GET *ALL* OF THESE GUYS?!

HAVE YOU CHECKED *UNDER* ANY *ROCKS* LATELY?

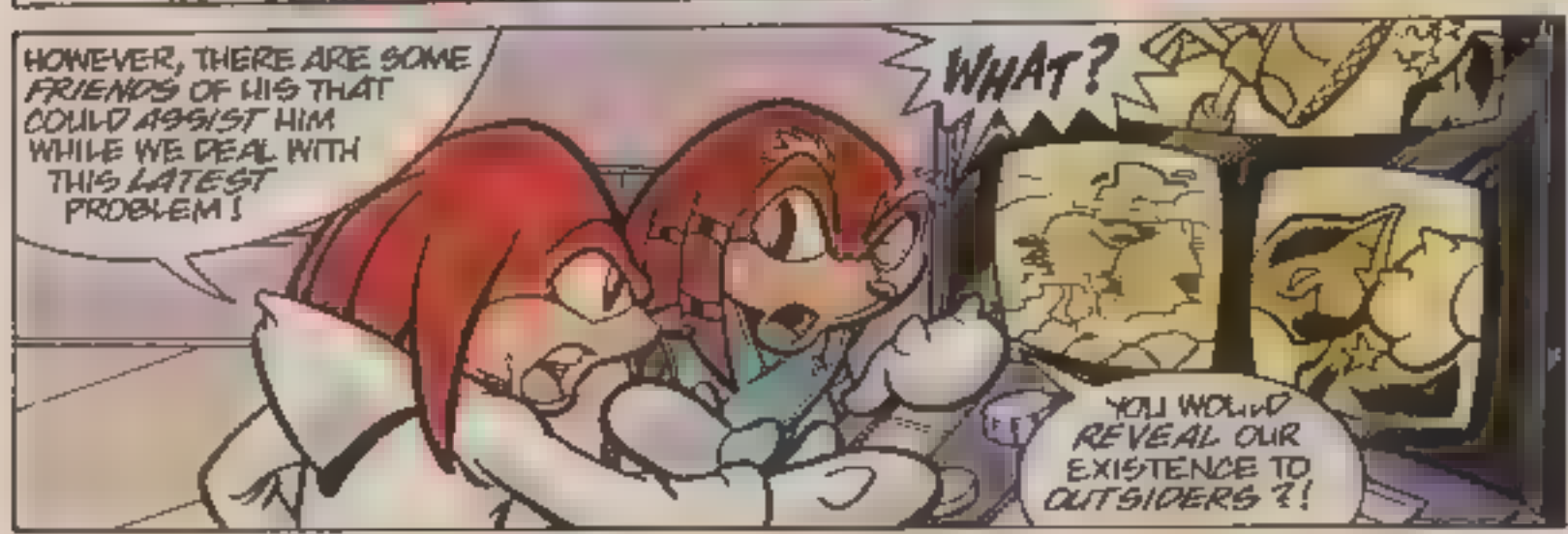
I'LL GIVE KNUCKLES *ONE* CHANCE TO PULL HIMSELF OUT OF THIS *BEFORE* I STEP IN!

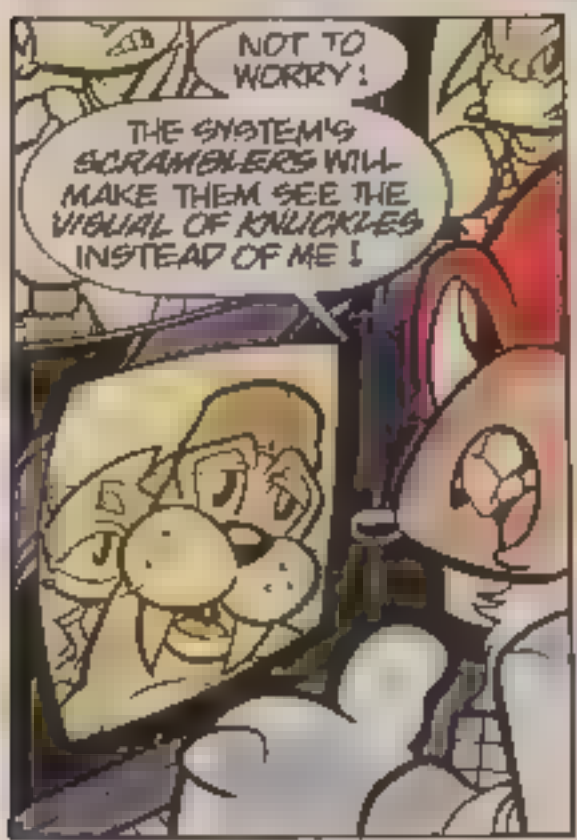
I'M SURPRISED YOU'RE *STILL* HERE!

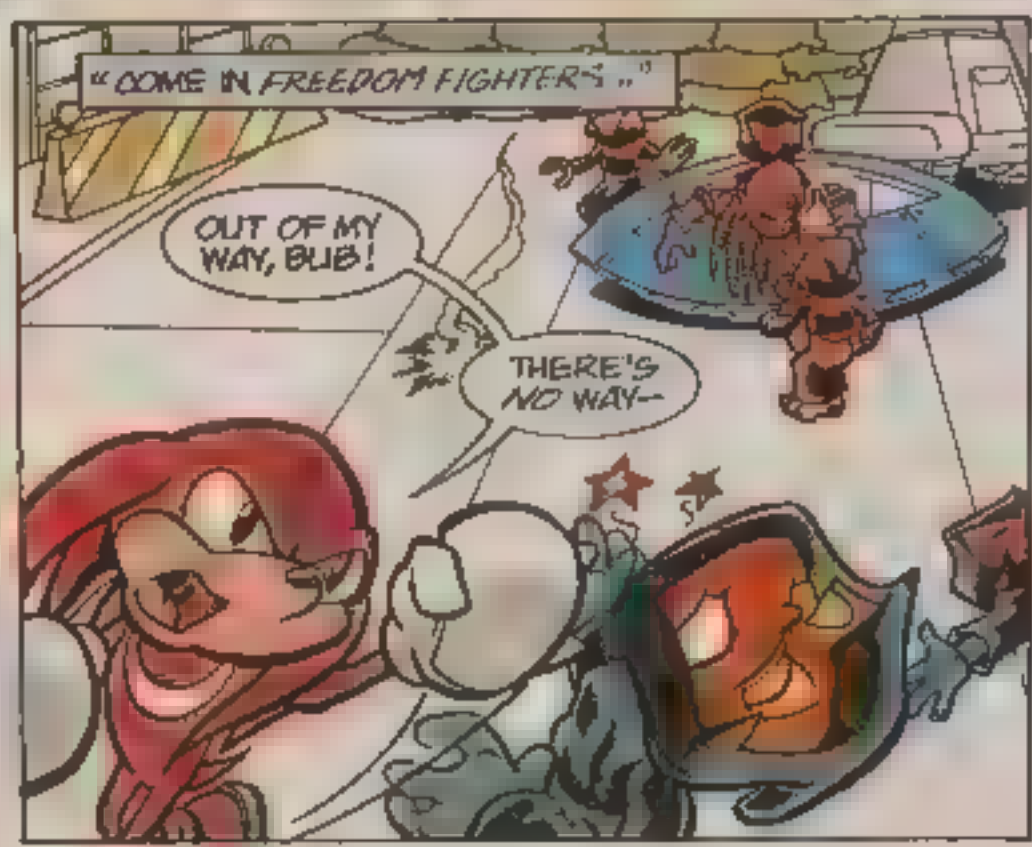
YOU WERE READY TO *PERSONALLY* STEP INTO THE FRAY ONLY A SHORT WHILE AGO!

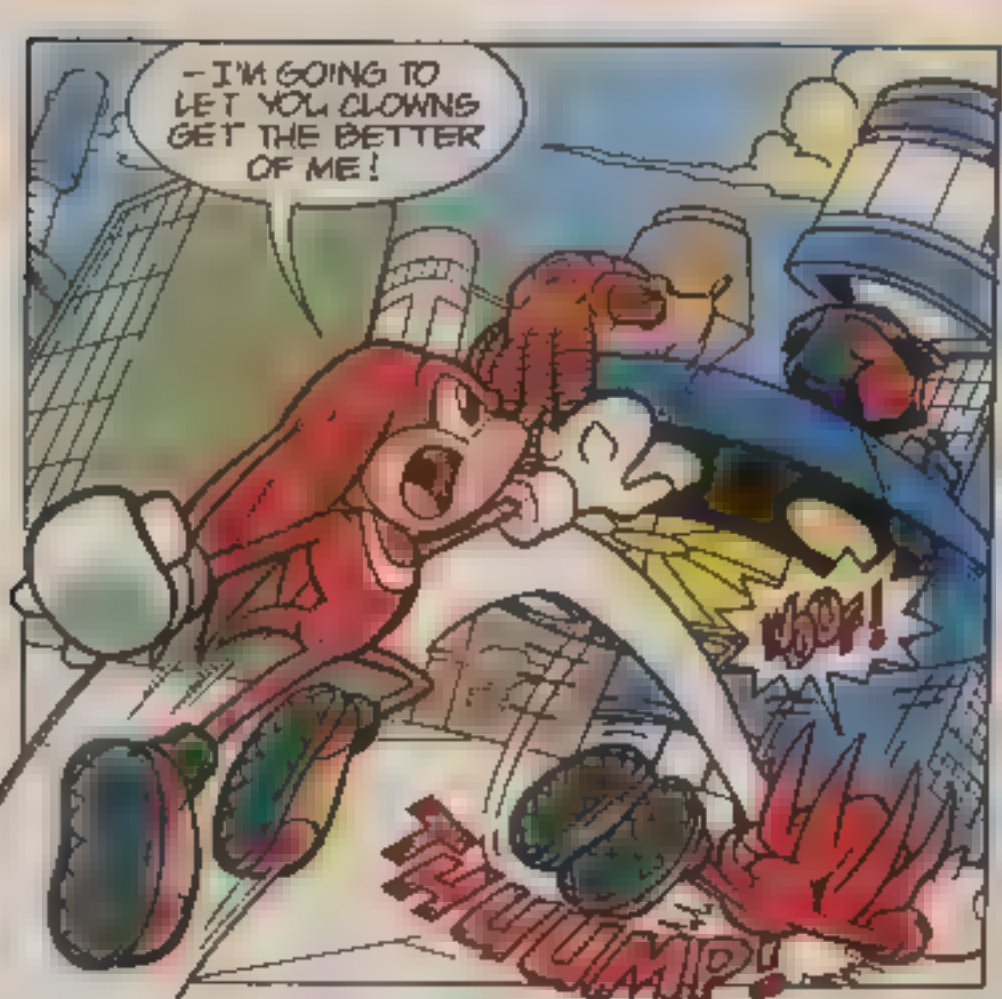

SOMETHING FAR MORE IMPORTANT CAME UP!
I WAS ALLOWING MY PERSONAL FEELINGS TO CLOUD MY JUDGMENT WHEN I WAS DECIDING TO GO AFTER KRAGOK AND HIS CREW!

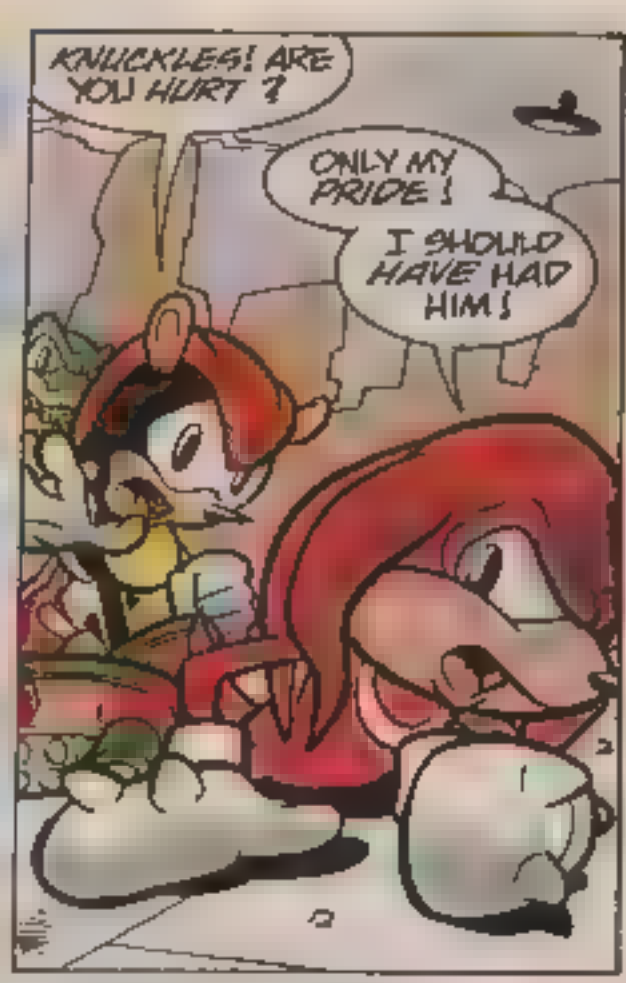
KNUCKLES IS YOUR SON! IT'S NOT A SIN TO HELP HIM ONCE IN AWHILE!
I KNOW!
IF HE GETS IN OVER HIS HEAD, I WILL!


HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME FRIENDS OF HIS THAT COULD ASSIST HIM WHILE WE DEAL WITH THIS LATEST PROBLEM!
WHAT?
YOU WOULD REVEAL OUR EXISTENCE TO OUTSIDERS?!

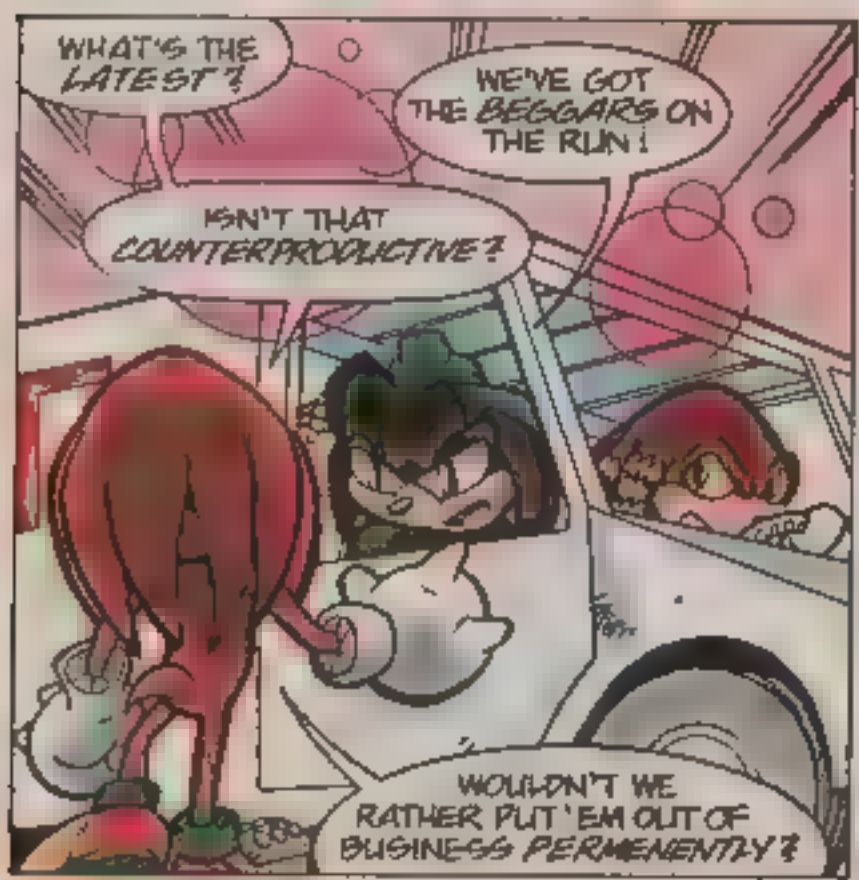

NOT TO WORRY!
THE SYSTEM'S SCRAMBLERS WILL MAKE THEM SEE THE VISUAL OF KNUCKLES INSTEAD OF ME!


"COME IN FREEDOM FIGHTERS..."
OUT OF MY WAY, BUB!
THERE'S NO WAY--

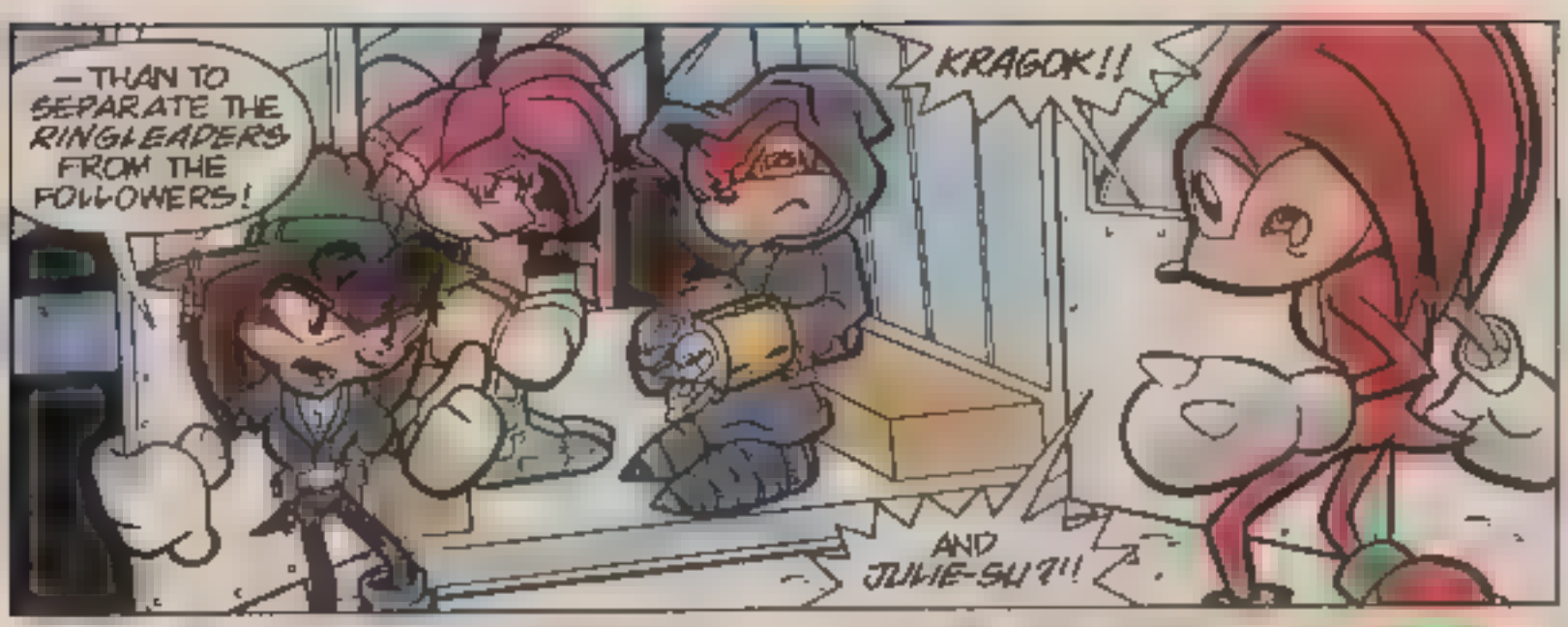

—I'M GOING TO LET YOU CLOWNS GET THE BETTER OF ME!
WOOF!
THUUMP!


KNUCKLES! ARE YOU HURT?
ONLY MY PRIDE!
I SHOULD HAVE HAD HIM!

LOOKS LIKE CONSTABLE REMINGTON AND HIS MEN ARE JOINING US!
JUST WHEN WE DIDN'T NEED THEM!
MAYBE THEY NEED US, VECTOR! THEY MAY STILL BE FIGHTING THE DARK LEGION!


WHAT'S THE LATEST?
WE'VE GOT THE BEGGARS ON THE RUN!
ISN'T THAT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE?
WOULDN'T WE RATHER PUT 'EM OUT OF BUSINESS PERMANENTLY?

MY THOUGHTS EXACTLY!
WHAT BETTER WAY TO START—


—THAN TO SEPARATE THE RINGLEADERS FROM THE FOLLOWERS!
KRAGOK!!
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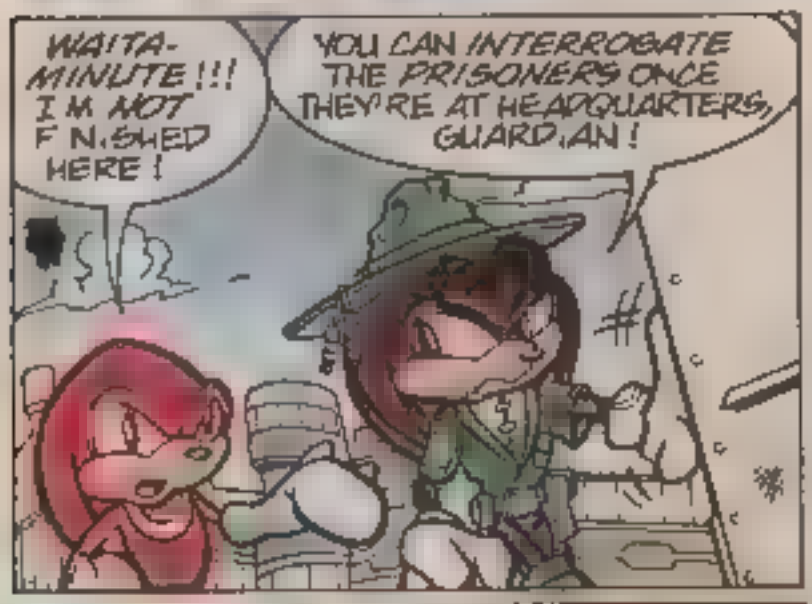
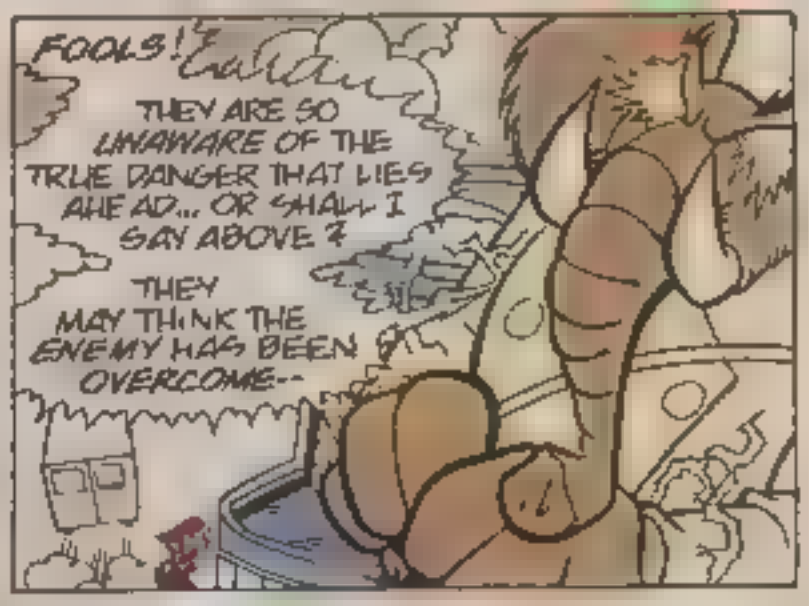
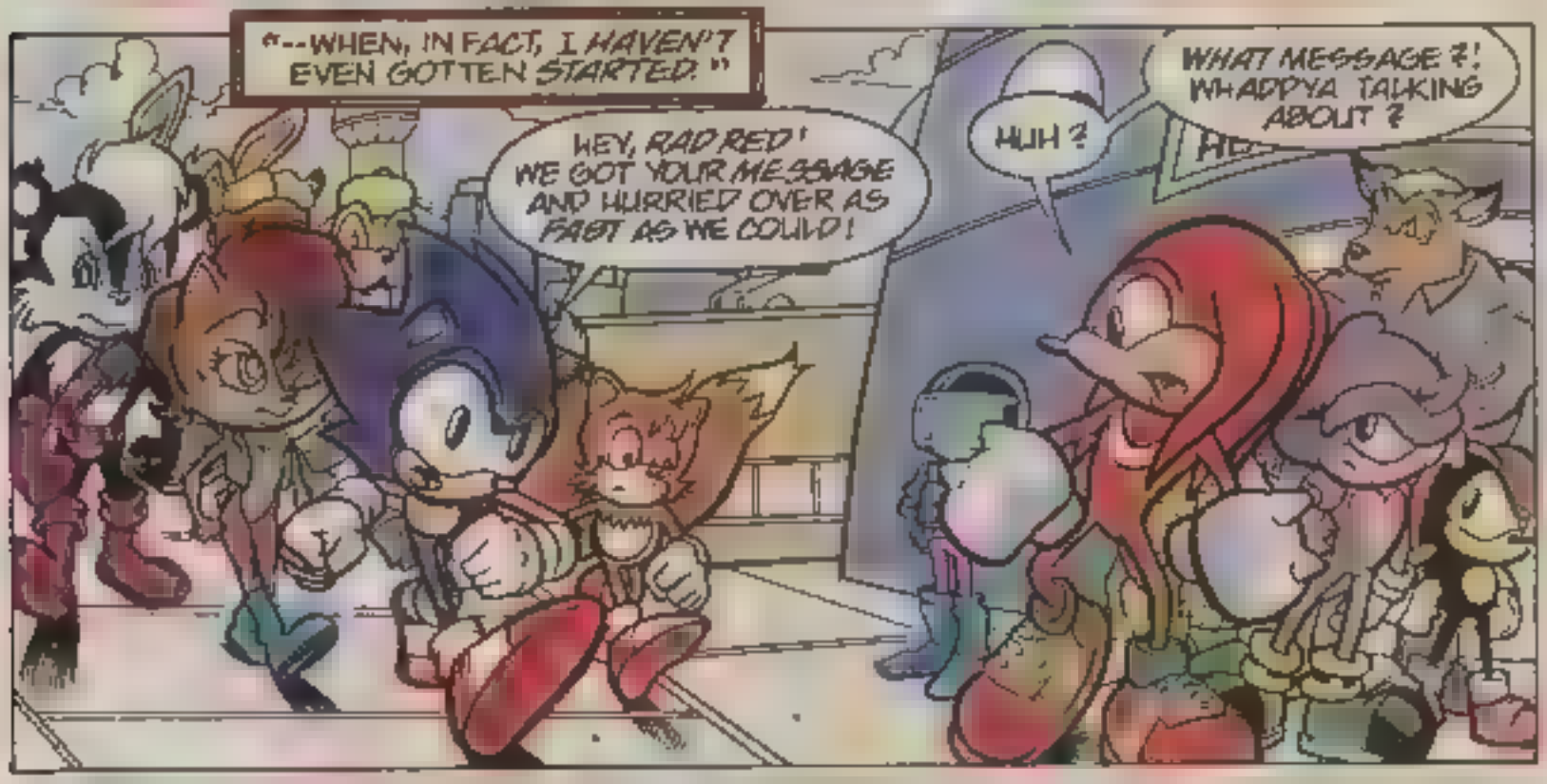
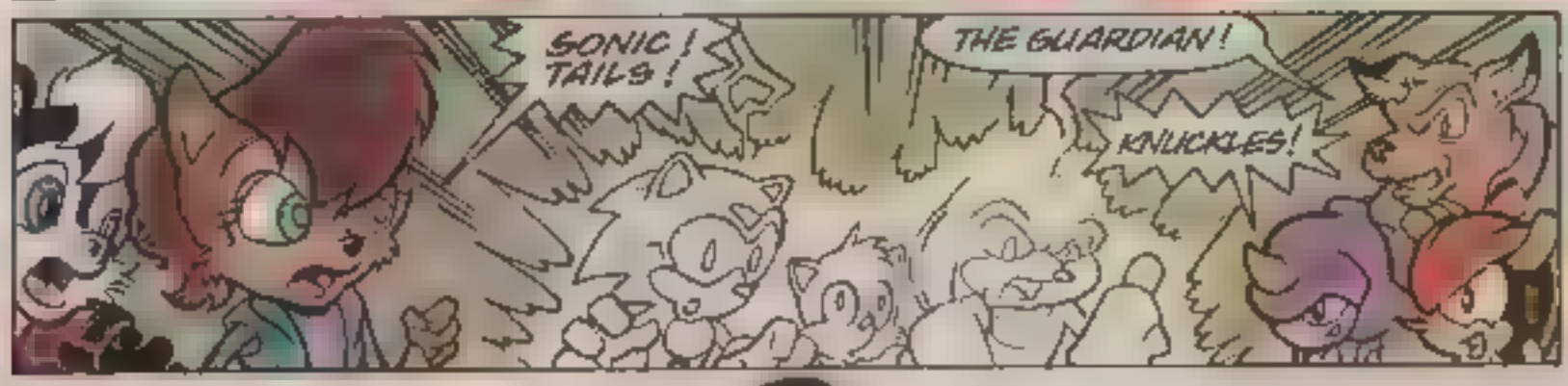

WAITA-MINUTE!!! I'M NOT FINISHED HERE!
YOU CAN INTERROGATE THE PRISONERS ONCE THEY'RE AT HEADQUARTERS, GUARDIAN!


FOOLS!
THEY ARE SO UNAWARE OF THE TRUE DANGER THAT LIES AHEAD... OR SHALL I SAY ABOVE?
THEY MAY THINK THE ENEMY HAS BEEN OVERCOME--


"--WHEN, IN FACT, I HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN STARTED."
HEY, RAD RED! WE GOT YOUR MESSAGE AND HURRIED OVER AS FAST AS WE COULD!
HUH?
WHAT MESSAGE?! WHADDYA TALKING ABOUT?


SONIC! TAILS!
THE GUARDIAN!
KNUCKLES!

NOW DON'T YOU WORRY, CHILDREN, FOR YOUR TRUE LORD AND MASTER IS HERE!

SIMPLY WORSHIP THE GROUND I WALK ON--

--OR PLAN ON SPENDING THE REST OF YOUR DAYS IN ETERNAL PAIN AND SOLITUDE!

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THAT'S SOME CHOICE, MATE!

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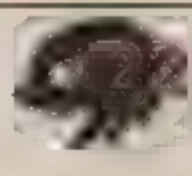
IF THEY SURVIVE, THAT IS.



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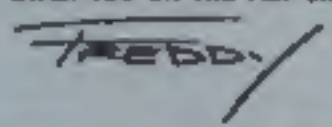

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DEAR KNUCKLES,

WOW! THE DARK LEGION MINI-SERIES WAS SIMPLY SMASHING! I WAS ON AIR ALL DAY WHEN I [redacted] TO GO. KNUX! YOUR ECHIDNA CULTURE AND HERITAGE PORTRAYED THROUGHOUT THIS MINI-SERIES WAS ABSOLUTELY ENTHRALLING. YOU COME FROM A GREAT AND MIGHTY PEOPLE, INDEED. ON ANOTHER NOTE, I THINK YOU NEED A GIRLFRIEND. WHOEVER YOU CHOOSE, IT SHOULD NOT BE SALLY. I'LL SEE YOU IN THIRTY.

[redacted]
DOTHAN, AL

THANK YOU, SUSAN, ON ALL COUNTS. WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE "DARK VENGEANCE" STORYLINE THAT CONCLUDES WITH THIS ISSUE? WRITE IN AND LET US KNOW. AS FAR AS YOUR MATCHMAKING IDEAS GO, RELAX... I'M STILL JUST FIFTEEN AND LEARNING TO BE THE BEST GUARDIAN I CAN BE.

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[redacted] YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU ARE WAY COOLER THAN SONIC. IN FACT YOU CAN TELL SONIC, "ECHIDNAS RULE! HEDGEHOGS DROOL!" I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS: 1) DO YOU LIKE BEING HYPER KNUCKLES? 2) WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE COLOR? 3) DO YOU THINK IT WAS RIGHT FOR THE DARK LEGION TO TURN THEMSELVES INTO CYBORGS? JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, I STARTED A KNUCKLES FAN CLUB WITH MY FRIENDS. WE ARE ALL OBSESSED WITH YOU, MAN. WE WANT TO SAY TO YOU AND ESPIO TO STAY COOL!

ANDREW GORMAN
CALGARY, AB
CANADA

WELL, IF YOU READ THIS ISSUE, THEN YOU KNOW WE STOPPED THEIR INVASION OF ECHIDNAOPOLIS, ONLY TO GET [redacted] THE ALL-NEW, ALL-POWERFUL MAMMOTH MOGUL! 1) IT'S A BLAST BUT I DON'T WANT ALL THAT POWER TO GET TO MY HEAD LIKE IT DID ENERJAK. 2) RED, OF COURSE. 3) NO, I DON'T THINK WHAT THEY DID TO THEMSELVES IS COOL, BUT TO [redacted] SAYS HE'LL CHECK YOU OUT LATER.

[redacted]

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS ABOUT PRINCESS SALLY? IT IS SO TERRIBLE THAT SHE PASSED AWAY. I HOPE YOU'RE TAKING IT WELL SINCE YOU KNEW HER SINCE YOU WERE KIDS. 1) HOW OLD ARE YOU? 2) IS SONIC YOUR COUSIN?

JOSH CUNNINGHAM (AGE 12)
[redacted]

NOT ONLY DID I HEAR THE NEWS, I GOT INVOLVED. READ SONIC #50 FOR THE DETAILS. 1) I AM FIFTEEN YEARS OLD. 2) NO, WE ARE NOT COUSINS. BUT NOW THAT WE CLEARED THE AIR BETWEEN US IN SONIC #53, I THINK WE CAN [redacted]

DEAR KNUCKLES,

I'VE BEEN A FAN OF YOURS SINCE YOUR FIRST APPEARANCE IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #131. 1) DO YOU LOVE SALLY? 2) WHAT HAPPENED TO HEAVY AND BOMB? 3) WERE YOU BORN WITH [redacted]

ADAM "MR. NO-BRAINS" GOEBLER (AGE 8)
GOSHEN, NY

IF YOU WANT TO RELIVE THE EXPERIENCE OF MY FIRST APPEARANCE, I HOPE YOU PICKED UP A COPY OF SONIC: FIRSTS! ON TO YOUR QUESTIONS: 1) I LOVE SALLY LIKE I WOULD LOVE A SISTER (IF I HAD ONE). 2) HEAVY AND BOMB STAY ON THE FLOATING ISLAND LIVING A LIFE OF PEACE. TIME WILL TELL IF THEY GET TIRED OF THAT LIFE. 3) I'VE HAD MY KNUCKLES FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER .

DEAR KNUX,

I HAVE A RAP FOR YOU AND THE CHAOTIX. HERE IT IS:

HI, I'M KNUCKLES, MY FRIENDS CALL ME KNUX. I CAN CLIMB WITH MY KNUCKLES AND GLIDE WITH MY LOCKS. I LIKE MY FRIENDS BECAUSE THEY'RE NO FOOLS. NOW LET ME TELL YA'BOUT THEM, THEY'RE COOL! HERE COMES CHARMY. HE'S A BEE. THEN THERE'S MIGHTY WHO CAN PUNCH DOWN A TREE. HERE IS VECTOR THE CROCODILE. HE WAS BORN WITH EXTRA STYLE. THEN THERE'S ESPIO WHO CAN CLIMB THINGS WITH EASE. THEN HE DISAPPEARS WITH THE KNOCK OF HIS KNEES. AS YOU CAN SEE, MY FRIENDS ARE VERY COOL. EVEN WE CAN'S SWIM IN POOLS. EXCEPT FOR VECTOR, REMEMBER HE'S THE CROC. HE CAN SWIM IN POOLS AS MUCH AS HE WANTS.

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